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THE U.S. EMBASSY IN DUSHANBE REQUESTS PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR THE 2011 DEMOCRACY COMMISSION SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: April 08, 2011

The U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe announces a request for proposals under the 2011 Democracy Commission Small Grants Program. The purpose of the program is to award small grants for specific projects that support the development of democratic institutions in Tajikistan. Primarily, grants will be awarded to non-governmental, non-profit organizations (NGOs). **The amount of a grant must not be more than \$50,000 (USD), but the Commission will give priority to applications that implement similar projects with lower budgets.** To be eligible for consideration, every applicant must be engaged in or carry out a project the purpose of which is to promote the development of democratic institutions in Tajikistan. The Democracy Commission Small Grants Program has existed in Tajikistan since 2001.

The U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe will accept proposals for consideration by the Democracy Commission Small Grants Program for the following themes:

- Youth outreach videos on social issues;
- Youth sport recreational leagues;
- Summer camps for underprivileged and at-risk youth;
- Establishment of PTAs/parents outreach initiatives;
- Promotion of volunteerism;
- Youth arts and music programs;

Proposals should contain clearly formulated goals and target groups, and show the ability of the applying organization to carry out the project. Proposals should be submitted in English only via e-mail to:

Email: GrantProposalsDushanbe@state.gov

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Note: Projects with a computer based English translation will not be accepted.

The U.S. Embassy's Democracy Commission Grant Program is limited to organizations based in Tajikistan. Projects **NOT** funded by the U.S. Embassy Democracy Commission Program include those requested by non-Tajikistani organizations, those relating to partisan political activity, charitable activity and humanitarian aid, fund-raising campaigns, commercial projects, those involving individuals not affiliated with an organization that can provide long-term sustainability to the project, and those that duplicate existing projects.

Grant application forms are available on our web site <http://dushanbe.usembassy.gov/demcom.html>. They can also be obtained from the U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe via the email noted above. If you have additional questions or need consultation on your project proposal please contact the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy at the numbers above on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 12:00.